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The best compete

Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — With Canada's wakeskating champion, and fourth in the world, Braden Iol on hand, competitors had to step up their game at Boarder Pass Niagara's Boarder Pass Triple Crown Cable Wake Tour.

"We were lucky to have Braden, as well as professional wakeboarder Christian Primrose, ranked 18th in the world right now," said Chris Smith, co-owner of Boarder Pass — Sarnia, Niagara and Hamilton.



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Matt Mulholland flies through the air during Boarder Pass Niagara's Boarder Pass Triple Crown Cable Wake Tour on Saturday. Mulholland won in the intermediate category.

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■ COMPETITION

Weather helps bring out top riders



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ABOVE: Wainfleet's Amanda Newhouse pulls off a trick off the Liquid Force ramp during Boarder Pass Niagara's Boarder Pass Triple Crown Cable Wake Tour Saturday. Newhouse won the women's category BELOW: Canada's wakeskating champion, and fourth in the world, Braden Ioli pulls off a trick. He won the division.



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Smith said the event — which kicked off the series being held at all three Boarder Pass parks — went well, with perfect weather conditions and calm waters at Sugarloaf Harbour Marina.

"We had an excellent turnout of riders. Overall there were 30 competitors taking part in the event."

Smith said more riders in the wakeboard and wakeskate divisions would have been out, but a number were taking instructor training up north.

"The riding within Ontario cable wakeboarding just keeps getting better and we were witness to it on Saturday. This was the first event of the season for Ontario wakeboarding and it's amazing to see how much improvement actually goes on over the off season."

He said the majority of the riders now find a winter destination at least once where they can go and wakeboard.

"It's awesome to see how quickly the sport is growing and how much impact cable wakeboarding has on the future of the sport."

As for the competition, which saw both Ioli and Primrose win their categories, Smith said the amateur

RESULTS

Amateur

1. Thomas Robertson
2. Logan Mosier
3. Riley Dillon

Intermediate

1. Matt Mulholland
2. Blake Anderson
3. Will McLeod

Women

1. Amanda Newhouse
2. Melissa Tolley

Wakeskate

1. Braden Ioli
2. Jordan Long
3. Dave Voisey

Open Men Wakeboard

1. Christian Primrose
2. Chris Sinkic
3. Jordan Long

have come. All of the riders in the intermediate category could have very well been competing in the open division as they were all landing consistent tricks and impressing the crowd."

Smith said the open category was a hard one to judge because the riders were all at the top of their game.

"Some of these guys had never been at our location before but they adapted very quickly and were throwing some of the biggest tricks in the book."

Also impressive, he said, was the number of people supporting the event.

"We certainly saw a lot of people coming and going and the majority of the marina members were there to support the event. H.H. Knoll Lakeview parking lot was packed all day with the cars engaging in the event by honking their horns when a big trick was landed. There were people setting up chairs and watching the event all day long."

At the end of the competition, Smith said a Rockstar Big Air Competition was held and it was won by Dylan Kim.

Up next at Boarder Pass Niagara is the 2013 Boots Wake Series, with the Boarder Pass Open, presented by Endless Surf, taking place July 13.

category — 14 and under — was the most exciting it has ever been.

"These kids are all riding amazing and actually utilizing every feature in the park. It's so cool to see how far they

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■ UFC

Alexis Davis records win over Rosie Sexton

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WINNIPEG — Alexis Davis made history when she became the first Canadian woman to win a bout on home soil.

Davis survived a couple of rough moments early to score a unanimous decision over England's Rosie Sexton in the UFC debut for both. It was an entertaining tilt that got the crowd jumping.

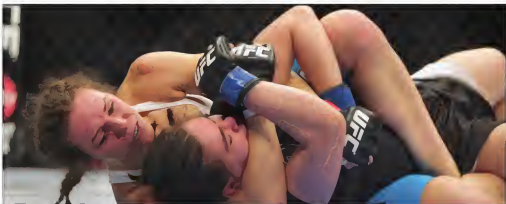
There were times when the two ladies were throwing big right hands and other times when they showed off their wrestling skills, drawing plenty of applause from the appreciative crowd.

"I'm so tired I can barely

speak. The adrenaline dump I got when Bruce Buffer said my name was awesome," said Davis. "I wanted to finish the fight in the first round. I landed some big elbows standing but she's tough and so hard to finish on the ground. I can't wait to fight again. I will fight anyone the UFC asked me to."

It was the first UFC fight for both women and there were some nerves.

"The UFC butterflies are real," said Sexton. "It is funny, I was very nervous backstage but once the fight started the nerves went away. I did a few things wrong, made some mistakes, but I think it was a good fight."



Alexis Davis, left, and Rosie Sexton at UFC 161 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg on Saturday.

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■ COLUMN

Wouldn't want to live without religion, church

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A phrase that I've been hearing recently is "Spiritual but not religious." I'm sure it has existed for some time but it just seems to me that I've been hearing it more lately. Many polls and surveys and census data have been telling us that more and more people consider themselves atheists. Or if they have some kind of spiritual or religious belief then they have no affiliation with any religion or church or synagogue or temple or mosque. It's no secret for people in the church that our numbers, whether you count membership or attendance, are trending downward. I've been the pastor of First Lutheran Church in Port Colborne for 11 years now and I've got a pretty good handle on who the regulars are and a pretty good number of the infrequent or occasional attendees.

I remember a toddler on my desk that I inherited when I came here and when I left though it I come across card after card of names that I have no idea who they are. And last week we prepared a service that we did four times a year and as we printed up the address labels I wondered just who a lot of those people are.

I assume that those people had a connection to this church once upon a time. Maybe they brought their kids here to be baptized. Maybe they went to Sunday School here when they were kids. Maybe they were confirmed here or married here. Some of them might have decided, at some point in their lives, that they don't believe in God so they left the church.

But there are probably a lot of people

who don't come to church anymore who still believe in God. They just don't want to be part of "church" anymore. Something in their past turned them off of "religion."

Maybe it was a former pastor, or certain other members of the church. Maybe something was said to them or done to them that hurt them. Maybe the whole church thing is just boring, or restrictive, just not for them. Maybe it's just easier not to go than it is to go.

Those people might be the ones who consider themselves spiritual but not religious. One of my seminary professors did research on spirituality trying to define just what that means. Part of his research consisted of reviewing hundreds of articles written about spirituality and seeing how they defined it. His conclusion was that the literature defined spirituality in three categories: transcendence, meaning making, and core values.

I assume that the spiritual but not religious have some kind of faith in God. How they define God might differ from how I might define God. All people, whether or not they believe in a God, likely have developed some core values. I like the definition of spirituality as meaning making. And for me that's what my faith, as part of a worshipping community, does for me. It's how I find meaning in and for my life.

I may be wrong, and it may be different for different people, but I get the impression that being spiritual but not religious has a lot to do with feelings. One gets a certain kind of mystical feeling in the early morning hours experiencing the wonders of creation by a babbling brook under a forest canopy. Your breath gets taken away as you hike around the bend in a trail and come

upon an awe inspiring mountain vista. They can be emotionally uplifting and spiritually invigorating moments.

But what does that kind of spirituality do for the really lousy times in life? What does that kind of spirituality do to make the world a better place? What does that kind of spirituality do to make you a better person? I'm not saying that the church or a particular religion has a corner on the market of doing those things. I'll be the first to admit that some truly horrific things have been done in the name of religion.

But the religion that I know is about more than feelings. The Christianity that I know and love (since that's the only religion I have a lot of familiarity with) is about a community coming together to worship the God that we have come to know through the person of Jesus Christ. And the spirituality that we experience is more than feelings or emotions, it is the real presence of God the Holy Spirit in every minute of every day. The "organized religion," the "institution" of the Church that I'm part of serves those in need, both at home and around the world. And at the worst times in life the Church, at its best, is a community that empowers the fallen and the fearful and gives them hope.

Oh, religion and the church aren't perfect. After all it's made up of sinful and fallible human beings.

But it's something I wouldn't want to live without. So if it's a little boring sometimes, and if I have to get up and get dressed and make my way to church on a Sunday morning rather than sleeping in or doing whatever else I could otherwise be doing, it's worth the effort. I can put up with its faults because it gives meaning to my life.

■ our view

Politicians must be held accountable

If we've learned anything over the last few weeks, it's that we have evolved, as a nation, well past some of the key elements of our parliamentary government system.

What was believed to be ideal in the 19th century, in many cases, beyond outdated. They are archaic, designed for people who saw the world in a very different way than we do, who believed voting was for privileged men, and believed the monarch still carried real authority.

The Senate, the great meaningfulness house of government, has again proven itself useful only as a means to aggravate the citizenry and embarrass the elected members of the House of Commons.

The revelation that the prime minister's former chief of staff had inappropriately given a cheque to Tory Senator Mike Duffy to pay expenses and the subsequent demand by Liberal senators to have the MP's expenses audited leaves the impression of a group of politicians more interested in playing schoolyard games of gotcha rather than governing the nation.

Although senators might have a point when it comes to demanding more transparency in government spending, the senators themselves are not properly elected proxies of the Canadian public. They are political appointees, whose loyalty is ultimately not to the citizen, but to the party.

At the same time, the House of Commons has continued decades of political cowardice by not reforming this malfunctioning political artifact of a dead era. The Liberals often talked about reform during their long run in office, but did little. And while the sitting Conservatives are at least investigating the constitutional possibilities of reform, the fact is it is not even close to a priority. Perhaps if it had been, the exhausting squabbling we are presently enduring would not have happened.

It is increasingly difficult to take any of the parties, and any of the MPs, seriously if they cannot do this one important task: to ensure each government has simply left for its descendants to cope with.

Naturally, and as always, the blame ultimately rests with us, the voting public. We demand so little from our MPs, placing such little pressure on them, that meaningful work of the nation can be left undone.

As much as we can and should be annoyed at our MPs, spending scandals and power plays in Ottawa, we, the citizens, need to take ownership of the issue, demand reform and punish at the polls the parties that fail at this task.

■ readers' views

Demand a voice

It is interesting that taxpayers of the region are qualified to pay those taxes, but are not entitled enough to determine pay rates for our civil servants.

High-priced outside arbitrators always seem to be brought in who apparently look for the highest paid people in similar professions across the country in order to compare and justify excessive increases.

Communities should demand that arbitrators be picked from a cross-section of the community involved. Compensation should have some relationship to the average wages within that community rather than what is paid in, say, Toronto or Vancouver. Taxpayers should demand a voice in these decisions.

Bernie Cusack
Port Colborne

NDP should resign

The House of Commons Immigration Committee has been debating a bill (C-25) that would strip convicted terrorists of their Canadian citizenship.

While many other countries, including Australia and the UK, have already passed similar laws, the NDP are trying to stop it from becoming law by filibustering these critical discussions.

Why? Do they support terrorism? Do they support the bombing of Air India 182? Are they backing terrorist organizations?

Anyone that has committed an act of terrorism anywhere and has used Canada to "hide out" is a coward and has committed high treason. Anyone that does not recognize a terrorist's act of disloyalty to this country and the freedoms that it stands for is a terrorist's friend and partner.

The NDP should immediately withdraw from the Immigration Committee and offer all Canadians an apology. If they cannot do this, the resignation of the entire NDP caucus from the House of Commons would be most welcome.

Mark Robinson
Port Colborne

Stressful job

So a (school bus) driver "lost her cool." I sincerely hope she didn't lose her job.

It must be very stressful day after day driving children around who have no respect for authority.

Do the bus drivers' salaries and benefits take into account the responsibility? Someone I don't think so.

Pat Cusack
Wainfleet

■ CONSERVATION CLUB: Event will be back in 2014



File photo

Florian Raby, shown dropping a walleye into a basket for the official weigh-in at the 444 International Walleye Tournament in this August 2008 file photo. The tournament is taking a one-year hiatus for 2013.

444 tourney taking a one-year break year

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — In the same year the lakeside city snagged the title of Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town, its longest-running fishing tournament is going on hiatus.

The annual 444 International Walleye Tournament, a popular competition amongst local and visiting anglers, is taking a one-year break.

Put on by the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club, the tournament takes much work to organize and planners simply needed a year off, said vice-pres-

ident Alfred Marinelli.

Fishermen fear not, however, as the tournament will return in 2014 for the club's 60th anniversary.

"We hope to come back with a splash," Marinelli said, expecting the return to draw a big crowd.

In the meantime, Erie Tracker is hosting a one-day tournament, the Budweiser Can-Am Walleye Challenge, on June 22.

Registration for the 60-team tournament, which offers \$24,000 in prizes, is already booked solid.

Organizer Dave Malloy, of Erie Tracker, said he hopes is to con-

tinue the tournament annually moving forward.

For the city's young anglers, the Port Colborne conservation club is hosting a children's fishing derby on Sunday at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Sugarloaf Harbour Marine pavilion.

There is no cost to participate and there will be plenty of prizes and goodies for the kids, said Marinelli.

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The club will have extra fishing rods on hand for those who need them.

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Bringing art to downtown Port Colborne

Import News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Take part in art in downtown Port Colborne with the third annual Art Crawl on Saturday, June 22. Art Crawl committee member Elizabeth "Putzy" Madronich said the event will feature creative expressions of artists from several artistic media including painting, sculpture, photography,

music and dance, all working in collaboration with downtown merchants.

"This event is a feast for the senses. One can sample a variety of delicious food and beverages, listen to live music, while being surrounded by spectacular art," said Madronich.

The growing event is a community celebration of creativity and the arts. Visitors can add their own touch to the

popular community canvas on West Street, contribute to the chalk wall or just let their creative juices flow in a musical jam session.

For those seeking a bit of adventure, the event will also feature Segway scooter rentals, along the Port Promenade.

Madronich said Art Crawl specials will be on the menu at many of the eateries in the area.

The committee has also

been in contact with a bus tour coming from Kitchener-Waterloo area to take in the event.

"It's a great way to showcase our talented local artists and also the diversity of merchants we have downtown," said Jeff Ballin, downtown marketing coordinator.

The event runs from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and more information can be found at www.facebook.com/ArtCrawlPortColborne or call 289-836-9893 or email downtownportcolborne@gmail.com.



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NEW VOLUNTEERS

PORT COLBORNE — Nine new volunteer firefighter recruits received a warm welcome in the lakeside city last week.

Council welcomed the men to city hall and honored them with plaques for donating their time to the community.

Joining the department are Kevin Kallal, Ryan Adams, Jordan Churchill, Chad Brunarski, Tyler Wright, Jesse Chamberlain, Chris Huneault, Curtis Wilcox and Derek McCabe.

DEBT STATUS REQUESTED

PORT COLBORNE — Dave Elliott wants to know where the city's debt stands.

The Ward 1 councillor asked staff last week for an update on how much debt Port Colborne has acquired and what will be "coming off the books and going on the books" over the next several years.

Staff are already in the process of creating the report, said community and corporate services director Peter Senese. It's expected to be before council "in the next month or so," he added.

LOOKING AT ROSELAWN

PORT COLBORNE — With Roselawn Centre now springing back to life, Ron Bodner wants to ensure it doesn't wilt once again.

The Ward 4 councillor asked city staff to review the centre's rental structure in

hopes of seeing more events taking place at the historic facility. There are opportunities presenting themselves, but some "may involve a little bit of partnership," he said.

Staff are reviewing the centre's rates and investigating comparable prices at similarly-sized facilities in other communities, said community services manager Harry Hakim. It will take time to put a report on the rates together, he said, though he's hoping to have it before council "sooner than later."

SETTING UP SHOP

PORT COLBORNE — On the road machinery is heading to Port Colborne.

The mobile machining company has purchased a two-acre plot of land from the city on the north side of Invertoe Dr. and plans to construct a 6,240-square-foot building immediately.

The Fort-Erie based com-

pany purchased the property for \$20,000 and plans to use it to "become an established machine shop, metal fabrications and on-site machine and repair facility," according to the staff report brought before council.

There are still 23 acres of available city-owned land ready for development on Invertoe Dr.

CULTURE PLAN

PORT COLBORNE — The first steps are being taken to see a culture plan created in the lakeside city.

A motion was brought forward by Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais at the May 27 council meeting calling for creation of a committee to form a culture plan.

Staff recently met to discuss the terms of reference for the proposed committee, said manager of community service Hilary Hakim.

"We hope to bring a draft terms of

reference forward in the latter part of this year," he said.

GOLF CARTS OUT OF BOUNDS

PORT COLBORNE — Barbara Butters is teed off.

The Ward 4 councillor said

she recently spotted golf carts on the Friendship Trail, east of Pleasant Beach Rd.

"It's a big concern to people walking on the trail," Butters said.

She feels the carts could cause injury to pedestrians or those on board, and could

even cause damage to the trail.

"They should not be on the trail."

"They should not be on the road to go to the trail," she told councillors, while also asking for increased police presence in the area.

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■ **FORT ERIE:** News school to be built

Port High staying open

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FORT ERIE — It's been nearly 40 years since the District School Board of Niagara last built a high school.

And Fort Erie will break that drought, with a new build unanimously approved by trustees.

They gave thumbs up to a 750-student high school to combine Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School. Both schools will close.

The new Fort Erie location has yet to be decided.

But the board wants a new facility to open by September 2017, while students continue to attend the two schools.

The project is subject to provincial approval and funding.

Kim Craiton, MPP for Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake, said he will endorse the DSNB's application for funding. "I'm very excited about this," he said. "I'll be endorsing it and pushing it forward."

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin, a graduate of RCBHS, would like to see the new school built within the Municipal Centre, adjacent to town hall on Garrison Rd.

That idea was first pitched



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Port Colborne High School will remain open while two Fort Erie secondary schools will be closed and a new high school built.

in February by Fort Erie councillors John Hill and Stephen Passero, who represent the areas where FESS and RCBHS sit today.

Martin said the new school is "a very positive step for the town of Fort Erie."

"Ridgeway (Crystal Beach High School) was a great

high school to go to and there has always been a great rivalry between Ridgeway and Fort Erie, but the numbers have decreased over the

last number of years, so we should have one high school that we call all root for," he said.

In the decision, DSNB

trustees also agreed Port Colborne High School would stay open.

All three south Niagara schools under went recent public and staff accommodation reviews recommending the changes with little controversy.

"I'm excited about this," said Fort-Erie/Port Colborne trustee Dave Schaubel at the board meeting. "Excited that it was from a group of people that came together, and did what was best for the kids," Schaubel said.

"And it was without a whole lot of hassle.

"It was a really refreshing time, listening to people logically think about where do we go as a school, and as a school board. It was exciting to see them work together, with very few exceptions, toward what I believe is the best thing we can do."

Combining the populations of both schools, said school board chairman Kevin Maves, will help to counteract the effects of declining enrolment.

"Although declining enrolment creates significant challenges for our board, it also provides us with an opportunity to renew and reenergize our system for the next 50 years," Maves said.

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■ REGIONAL BYLAW: City wanted certain areas exempt

Designated smoking areas for Port

MARYANNE FIRTH
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Council wants smokers to be out on public property — for the most part, anyway.

The region's proposed bylaw that prohibits smoking on outdoor public properties was endorsed by Port Colborne council Monday night, but with a few exemptions.

The lakeside city's councillors want to see designated smoking areas set up at Nickel Beach and during festivals in the area, including Canal Days and Flavours of Niagara.

It would be difficult for the many visitors who travel to Port for events to know the logistics of the bylaw, said Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott, which is why the designated areas and signage indicating

their location are key.

Market Square and H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park are particular hotspots during events, said the self-proclaimed former smoker, who wanted designated smoking areas set up there for festivals only.

Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais said the park should remain smoke-free at all times.

"As a former smoker, I would not have liked this before. But now, I appreciate and know how intrusive it is to have someone smoking around you."

Bea Kenny agreed.

After speaking with people at the city's soccer fields, the Ward 3 councillor said she's gained an understanding of how "very offensive" it can be when someone lights up nearby, especially around children. Not all smokers,

she said, show the common courtesy of moving away from others, especially children, when taking a puff.

"They could walk away, but do not because I guess they feel it's their right," she said. "That's very disrespectful."

Council approved the creation of designated smoking areas, but did not indicate where they will be located.

Though sidewalks and roads are already exempt from the bylaw, Mayor Vance Badawey recommended that signs be put up year-round designating certain areas for smoking in the downtown core and places of "community congregation."

Those sites must have ashtrays provided to prevent butts from being tossed on the ground, added Ward 3 Coun. Frank Danach.

If the bylaw is approved at the regional level, fines will not be issued for the first year it is in place. The region will instead focus on education first to ensure the community is aware of the changes, said Harry Hakim, Port Colborne's manager of community services.

Municipalities have been asked to provide feedback on the bylaw to the region by the end of the month.



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■ GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for POCOMAR set for Saturday at Whiskey Run

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The fifth annual Jim Gram Tribute Golf Tournament at Whiskey Run Golf Course, which is the main fund-

raiser for Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (POCOMAR) unit, takes place Saturday.

Casey Biko, the unit's public relations officer, says the unit is all-volunteer and part of the Canadian

Coast Guard auxiliary.

He says POCOMAR covers a large area, from the Niagara River to Port Maitland, and that funds raised on Saturday, June 22, will cover all search and rescue equipment



upgrades, ongoing maintenance and crew training.

Registration is \$110 per golfer and includes not only a day of golf, but snacks after the first nines holes, a buffet after all 18 holes, and a chance at prizes.

"We have two hole-in-one prizes, one for a fishing boat and another for \$10,000."

Biko, who has been a member of

the unit for nine months now, says the tournament kicks off at 1 p.m. at the golf course on Lorraine Rd. in Port Colborne.

It is held in tribute to Jim Gram, a POCOMAR member who died five years ago. Gram not only worked as a crew member but ended up delivering Coast Guard training instruction at a national level.

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■ **MARLON MARINE:** Company's request for proposal turned down

Marina contract extended

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — It was less than a month sailing as talks about the future of Port Colborne's marina operations got underway last week.

Council embarked on a lengthy discussion over whether to extend the contract of Port Colborne Marine, the supply and service shop provider at Sugarloaf Marina, or reinstate longtime operator Marlon Marine whose contract came to an end after the 2011 boating season.

PCM's one-year lease with the city expires at the end of the month.

The city has the intention of bringing marina operations in house, hence the short-term lease, but staff are not yet in a position to offer full service.

As they ready to transition under the new operating model, staff have recommended that PCM's contract be extended to the end of the boating season.

Though a request for pro-

THE VOTE

In favour: Ward 2 Counc. Angie Desmarais and Vyon Doucet, Ward 3 Counc. Bea Kenny, Ward 4 Counc. Ron Böhner and Barbara Butters.

Opposed: Ward 1 Counc. Dave Elliott and Ward 3 Counc. Frank Danch
Absent: Ward 1 Counc. Bill Steele

posal was issued in March to examine all options for marina operations, it's been determined it's in the city's best interest to continue on its path to take on operations itself, said chief administrative officer Bob Heil.

The RFP received only one bid, from Marlon Marine.

The contract extension, Heil said, is to "buy a little time."

"This is a stop-gap method until we get our ducks in order. We intend to do this

ourselves," he said, adding spreadsheets have indicated that by taking the operations on, the city could bring in double the revenue at the marina moving forward.

Ward 1 Counc. Dave Elliott raised concerns revenues at the marina are actually on a decline.

"We seem like we're losing business down there and I don't know why," he said, admitting he does not boat nor does he spend much time at the marina.

He has, however, talked to people who use the facility who say they're not happy with the way it's being operated.

"I hear from people they'd rather have Marlon come back for the simple fact they know them, they trust them with their boats."

In 2012, rates at the marina were reduced and new customers arrived, said Peter Senese, director of community and corporate services.

At the same time, however, some existing customers did leave, he said, adding revenues were down from the

year before.

The marina's rates are "very competitive" and staff are working to build its clientele back up, just under 400 of the marina's 700 slips are booked, said assistant marina manager Mark Minor. The goal is

to see them packed through the season with a waiting list.

As for Marlon's submission, Senese said there were portions that did not align with the city's operating model of the marina.

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■ **DAISY:** Last seen running north toward Robin Hood Multifoods

Dog missing since May crash

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE— All Tiffany Puttick wants is to bring Daisy home.

The Port Colborne resident has been searching desperately for her missing three-year-old Yorkshire terrier since the dog ran loose after a car crash a month ago.

Her vehicle collided with another car on May 12 on Main St. near the Weir Bridge. When the airbags deployed on impact, powder was released that made it look as though the car had started fire.

Puttick frantically exited the vehicle and Daisy followed. The disoriented dog then took off north toward the former Robin Hood Multifoods mill.

"I went after her as fast as I could," Puttick says, but Daisy simply couldn't be caught.

In the weeks since the

crash, Puttick and friends have scoured the city searching for the black and brown pooch to no avail. There have been several sightings of the dog in the Mud Lake area, but she still hasn't been found. The five-pound dog has no distinctive markings, other than a black freckle on her belly. She is not tattooed or microchipped.

Daisy suffers from seizures and requires medicine on a daily basis, which his left Puttick fearful of her condition.

"I would mean the world to me to have her back," she says, tears welling up in her eyes.

"I hope I can hold her in my arms again."

Puttick says that while some people may look at her loss and shrug it off as a case of a missing pet, they need to understand that Daisy is her family.

"She's more than just a dog to me. She's my baby, my baby girl."

She's taken time off work to search for the pup and plastered about 2,000 posters across the city. She contacts the humane society every second day and has put out calls to vets across Niagara in hopes Daisy will be recognized if brought in.

"I'm running out of energy. It's hard," Puttick says, though she's thankful for those who've helped her to search. "I'm lost. I don't know what to do without her. I'm not going to stop. I won't stop looking."

Puttick is offered a reward information that leads to Daisy's safe return.

As the dog is quite skittish, she recommends not calling or chasing the dog if she's spotted. Instead Puttick would like to be called, day or night, at 905-380-9861 or 905-835-0102, so she can come and get her.



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CITY HALL NEWS

A Newsletter written by Staff for the Residents of Port Colborne

JUNE 20, 2013

Smooth Sailing at the Sugarloaf Marina

The 2013 season at Sugarloaf Marina offers a resort-like essence whether you are renting a seasonal slip, enjoying a meal at Don Cherry's or getting into the action of wakeboarding with Boarder Pass.

The Marina has recently invested in a new wireless internet system which has proved to have a very successful connection with over 75,000 web hits in the 1st functioning weekend. Sugarloaf Marina currently holds a Gold Leaf rating and we are preparing to upgrade to a Platinum rating for the next, earliest assessment in 2016.

Boarder Pass is up and running for its second year and looking forward to another excellent season with a new ramp for customers, both new and experienced, to test their ability.

The Marina is also exploring and hopes to have in place a 'pay & display unit' for the launch ramp as an added service to customers.

On June 1st the Marina was successful at their annual Boat Show. The weather co-operated, allowing for positive attendance and numerous boats sold.

Upcoming events the Marina is hosting:

- "Budweiser Canam" Walleye Challenge, Saturday June 22nd (Sold Out!)

Don Cherry's is kicking off their 2nd summer season. It has certainly developed a reputation as a great spot to enjoy some good food and drink while taking in the view off of the patio of the beautiful Marina and Lake Erie.

While the visiting the Marina this summer keep an eye out for our new summer students and Chris Larocque, seasonal Marina Supervisor, all willing to help service all your boating needs.

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Port Colborne, Ontario and Point Breeze On Lake Ontario, New York Named WFN's Ultimate Fishing Towns For 2013

Port Colborne and Point Breeze Will Each Receive a \$25,000 Community Donation, Promotional Spot on WFN

WFN: World Fishing Network, the leading entertainment destination and digital resource for anglers throughout North America, has announced that anglers across the U.S. and Canada have selected Port Colborne, Ontario and Point Breeze on Lake Ontario, N.Y. as WFN's Ultimate Fishing Towns for 2013.

"I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Port Colborne and Point Breeze, winners of WFN's Ultimate Fishing Town for 2013, and commend the regional and affiliate winners, too. The accomplishment of being named Ultimate Fishing Town demonstrates pride, passion and enthusiasm from start to finish, and it wouldn't be possible without the commitment and dedication of all those who participated, and to all of you I say 'thank you,'" said Pam Stinson, Senior Director of Marketing for World Fishing Network.

700 towns in the U.S. and Canada received nominations and were eligible to advance in the quest to become the next Ultimate Fishing Town. Participants were asked to nominate where he or she believes is the best place to fish. Town walls were then populated with videos, photos and written comments to promote the community's candidacy and reinforce why the town is deserving of Ultimate Fishing Town honors.

Between the Welland Canal and the Niagara River, Port Colborne's waterways are world renowned. Big names like Bob Izzmi love to fish these waters, as do tournaments like the 444 Walleye Tournament, the Can-Am Invitational and the past Pro Am bass tournament to name a few. Port Colborne faced strong challenges from Ganaroque and Campbellford in the Ontario region, and fewer than 100 votes separated Ganaroque from Campbellford as the Ontario regional winner.

"The World Fishing Network's designation of the City of Port Colborne as Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town validates Niagara's South Coast as a fishing hotspot," stated Mayor Vance Badaway. "A great deal of credit belongs to Keiran Wittmaier, Colleen Van Kralingen and their team for championing this initiative. Their efforts have opened to the world another reason to come and enjoy all that we have to offer within Niagara." The Community Celebration will be held at the Marina Pavilion on June 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Arabella's Edwardian Tea Room



Arabella's Edwardian Tea Room has reopened for the season, daily from 2-4 p.m. Arabella, the longest running volunteer-run tearoom in Canada, is celebrating its 35th Anniversary. Come out and celebrate by enjoying tea served in fine china and freshly baked biscuits!

Located on the grounds of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.



On Exhibit Now!

Iroquois Beadwork. Through the Voices of Beads is an exciting new travelling exhibit at the Port Colborne Museum on loan from the Royal Ontario Museum. This exhibit consists of approximately 20 pieces from ROM collections, both historical and contemporary, and approximately 10 works from the collection of Iroquois beadwork artist Samuel Thomas. Learn how this art still flourishes today and plays a vital role in preserving cultural beliefs. This exhibit will only be here until the end of summer. Your community Museum is located at 280 King St. and is open 12-5 p.m. daily. FREE ADMISSION.



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Derek Ritschel
Artistic Director

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Comedy by Michele Rimi

Two of Lighthouse's biggest stars – Richard Bauer and Melodie Finlay – return for this hilarious follow-up to *Sassy Laundry*, the highest selling show in Lighthouse Theatre history.

Sun	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
JUNE	12a	13m/e	14a	15m/e
16m				



August 14-18

Adventure Comedy by Patrick Barlow

From the film by Alfred Hitchcock, based on the novel by John Buchan

Don't miss this hilarious adaptation of a classic spy tale. A trip to his local theatre leads an otherwise lethargic man on a night of action packed adventure, primed with intrigue and espionage.

Sun	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
AUGUST	14a	15m/e	16a	17m/e
18m				



Comedy by Sarah Quick

When the Rackstraw Mill closes, four enterprising women soon realize that desperate times call for desperate measures, and that a risky proposition may save the town. Don't miss this hilarious comedy in the tradition of *The Full Monty* and *Calendar Girls*.

Sun	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
JULY	3a	4m/e	5a	6m/e
7m				

on a first name basis



August 21-25

Comedy written by and starring Norm Foster

Canada's most-produced playwright stars in his latest comedy that an impulsive invitation that leads to several startling, but heartfelt, revelations.

Sun	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
AUGUST	21a	22m/e	23a	24m/e
25m				

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Receives \$10K Donation

The Optimist Club of Port Colborne held a recognition dinner for the MYAC. The youth were recognized for their efforts in their community as well as for their hard work in creating a healthy and active Skate & BMX park for all ages to experience. MYAC had agreed to City Council to raise 10% of the expense of the park which is approximately \$75,000. The Optimist Club presented MYAC with a GENEROUS donation of \$10,000 to aid in their efforts. To date MYAC has been generously supported with donations from the Volunteer Firefighters Association, the Full Time Firefighters Association, Italian Hall, Private Donors and Scotia Bank. The group has also held some events within the City to raise more funds and will continue their efforts year round.



Movie in the Park

Please join MYAC for Movie in the Park on August 17, 2013, 9:00 p.m. at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. The family movie will be announced later this month.

This event was such a success last year and MYAC looks forward to another success this year. Tickets will be on sale beginning in July at the Roselawn Centre or by calling: 905-834-0833. Tickets will be \$5.00/person with 2 and under free.

Popcorn, snacks and drinks will be for sale during the event. Lawn chairs are permitted in the park but we strongly recommend no pets. For further information please call Gina: 905-834-1668 x 534 or email: ginamurdoch@portcolborne.ca



2013 Engineering & Operations Projects

- Road repairs program is underway.
- Sidewalk replacement program will be starting in the summer and proceed into early fall.
- Watermain replacements on Elm Street, Snider Street and Clarence Street are now complete. In the spring of 2014 all three roads will be resurfaced after the one year warranty maintenance periods have ended.
- A new playground structure is planned at H. H. Knoll Park for the summer.
- Initial designs and studies are being finalized for the construction of the City's new Operations Centre with construction planned in 2014/2015.
- The City's annual roadside ditching program will be starting soon with completion planned by early fall.
- Maintenance works have been completed or are underway for the Marsh, Fred Pietz and West Bearsse West Municipal drains. Maintenance works are planned over the next twelve months on the Neff, Indian Creek and Ramey drains.
- New Engineer's reports are being worked on presently and being finalized for the Young-Hopf Wagner, Zavitz, Michener/Wignell and Beaverdam drains. Once those reports are finalized and the public process complete, the necessary works can be undertaken.



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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION
Of the Algoport Skate & BMX Park
11:00am-3:00pm on Sunday, June 23

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Nickel Beach Ready for an Awesome Summer

Beach season has arrived! Nickel Beach continues to be a premier destination for safe family fun on the shores of Lake Erie. Explore sand dunes and the Carolinian forest, search for the Fowler's Toad, a protected species indigenous to our area. Located at the southern end of Welland Street at Lake Road, Nickel Beach offers approximately one kilometre of clean, sandy shoreline, public washrooms and a vehicle free area for safe recreation.

Open 365 days a year for FREE pedestrian access, Nickel Beach is open for vehicle parking weekdays in June beginning June 1 and will open for 7 day operation (weather permitting) on Friday, June 2 until Monday, September 2, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. A small parking lot is available for guests, space permitting, outside the entrance gates. A parking fee of \$10 will be collected at the gate. Please note for the safety and enjoyment of all guests there is a no alcohol and no dogs policy on the beach. Coolers, bags and vehicles will be inspected and entry will not be permitted if alcohol and/or dogs are found.

The Niagara Region Public Health Department runs water quality tests each day and signs are posted for guests' information if the Niagara Region's Public Health Department determines the bacteria levels in the water may cause illness or infection. This information will be posted at the gates of the Beach as well as on the vehicle barrier and washroom building. The status of Niagara Region beaches can be found at http://www.niagararegion.ca/ivf/health_wellness/beaches/default.aspx or by calling the Niagara Region Beach Hotline at 905-688-8248 ext. 7789 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7789.

Season's passes are also available for purchase at the beach, City Hall and Roselawn Centre during regular business hours. Residents can purchase a season's pass for \$100 and senior residents can visit the beach as often as they would like by purchasing a senior's season pass for \$75. Non-residents can purchase a season's pass for \$125, and non-resident seniors may purchase a pass for \$100. Experience Nickel Beach! Experience Niagara's South Coast!



Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival

August 2, 3, 4, 5, 2013

A celebration of our community's Marine Heritage along the shores of Niagara's South Coast!

Every August holiday weekend, the tall ships gather in Port Colborne for a four-day celebration of history and heritage. Explore the decks, try your hand at the wheel, or feel the spray as you cruise Lake Erie on a tall ship. Nestled at the junction of the Welland Canal and the Lake Erie north shore, Port Colborne is a working marine community, with rich nautical history and welcoming hospitality. At the height of summer, the entire city takes time to celebrate the reasons why our picturesque community has grown and prospered – our marine heritage and our connection to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the seafaring world at large.

Canal Days encompasses the entire community, with activities at a dozen different venues: HH Knoll-Lakeview Park is host to Ontario's largest outdoor classic car and kite show. The Seaway Park children's area has games, entertainment, and kids' activities throughout the weekend. At the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, the history of the Welland Canal is on display and heritage artisans can be seen working their trades. At the Vale Health & Wellness Centre enjoy the indoor craft show. Festival guests can ride the free Canal Days shuttle from the West Side Arena to downtown or the Garden Swing Jazz event at the Roselawn Centre. Festival food and shopping kiosks fill downtown and the Market Square concert venue features top-draw entertainment throughout the weekend including the Tea Party headlining Friday night, Downchild Blues Band and April Wine on Saturday evening and a Celtic afternoon on the main stage including 14 year old fiddling sensation, Liam McElashan and his Kitchen Party Band. Relax on Monday afternoon with Sister Act and The Caverners.

Last year, more than 300,000 people visited the festival over four days. Friends, families, and former residents return and reminisce and Canal Days continues to grow by bounds. An ever changing roster of activities has repeatedly redefined Canal Days and as the festival moves into its fourth decade, that growth will continue as the festival blooms again. A source of great community pride and the countless local volunteers who work tirelessly over 4 days make this event Niagara's premier summer festival.

Experience Port Colborne - Experience the sights and sounds of Niagara's South Coast!

For more information, contact 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

CANAL DAYS

August 2nd-5th • 2013

HEADLINE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY
TEA PARTY
with BLEEKER RIDGE
TIME GIANT

SATURDAY
APRIL WINE
MYLES GOODYEN
DOWNCHILD BLUES BAND
Liam McElashan & Kitchen Party
RICH AND THE FOUR BOYS

SUNDAY
Afternoon Celtic Celtic
SEA SICK SAILORS
CAROLINE KEANE and TOM DELANY
DANIEL RYAN
VIDEO GAMING EVENTS AND LIVE MUSIC
LIAM'S KITCHEN PARTY
THE YOUNG STRONG (NORTH WILSON)

MONDAY
FESTIVAL CELEBRATION
PORT COLBORNE CANAL BOAT ACT
DOWNCHILD BLUES BAND
LIAM'S KITCHEN PARTY
LIAM'S KITCHEN PARTY

TEA PARTY
Bleeker Ridge
Time Giant
Sister Act
The Caverners
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Niagara Antique Power Association Heritage Display

Learn Heritage Farm 1957 Wilhelm Rd. (off Hwy 3) Sherston, Ontario

June 29, 30, July 1 | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily

The 41st Annual Heritage Display is packed full of things to entertain all members of the family! Breakfast is available every day when the gates open at Riverside Berry Farm Food Trailer. We have two stages this year. The Old Stage is where you will find on Saturday at 10 a.m. Chelsea Crites (Port Colborne Country Artist) and at 11 a.m. the Krazy Kanuck Kloggers. The Tractor Pulls begin at 10 a.m. At 12 noon the Opening Ceremony will begin with the National Anthems, Town Crier and Dignitaries Messages as well as a Presentation from the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant followed by the Parade of Antique Equipment. Krazy Kanuck Kloggers will perform again at 1 p.m. The Horse Pulls will take place at 2 p.m. at the track and Chelsea Crites will be back on the Main Stage at 1:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.

The New Stage is located where the Log Cabin was. Smiley the Mighty Pedal Tractor pulls, the Blind Tractor Game and the NEW Tractor Maze for 11-13 year olds will take place every day.

On Sunday June 30 Church Service begins at 9 a.m. in the Pavilion. On the main stage the band This Time Around will perform at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Tractor Pulls will begin at 12 noon at the track.

On Monday Niagara Ole Tyme Fiddlers will be entertaining on the Main Stage at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Special Feature for 2013 is Gibson Tractors. Special Display this year is Paul Seys Antique Pedal Tractor Trailer. Serenity Glade Stables will be exhibiting their Newfoundland Pony which is considered to be critically endangered by Rare Breeds Canada.

If you are hungry, Romby's Smokehouse & Tavern will be serving Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Beef Brisket, Corn on the Cob and Cole Slaw. Riverside Berry Farm (Mary Jane Smith) food trailer will serve Breakfast, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Sausage. Fort Erie Chip Wagon will be serving French Fries. N.A.P.A. Ice Cream Shop will serve Ice Cream, Pop and Freezies N.A.P.A. Bake Shop will serve Pies, Brownies and Coffee. Come and Enjoy!!!

Check our web site at www.niagaraantiquepower.org for information on all activities, displays, demonstrations and attractions.



Calling all Volunteers!

Festival Season is upon us and the City is looking for volunteers for both Flavours and Canal Days. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the festivals and the City can't do it without you!

Volunteer Applications can be found online at www.portcolborne.ca, from the Community Services Office located at the Roselawn Centre, 296 Fildes Avenue, or from City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street.

Volunteering at these events is a great way to get involved in the community, or, if you're a student, it's the perfect way to earn your required 40 hours of community service.

All volunteer inquiries can be directed to the Community Services Office located at the Roselawn Centre, 905-834-1668 x 532 or communityservices@portcolborne.ca.



City of Port Colborne

Tracking Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The City has been busy collecting and evaluating energy consumption data for all City-owned facilities that are heated and/or cooled in order to comply with the Province's Green Energy Act, 2009 (GEA).

Ontario's GEA was created in an effort to develop the Province's use of renewable energy sources while reducing energy consumption and generating a demand for services and jobs in the renewable energy sector. Under the GEA, the City of Port Colborne must meet the requirements of O.Reg. 397/11 – Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plans. This regulation requires the City to compile and submit their energy consumption data (electricity and natural gas) annually and to develop an Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan.

Part one, to be submitted to the Ministry of Energy by July 1, 2013, involves collecting and compiling 2011 energy consumption data for all City-owned facilities that are heated and/or cooled. This consumption data will be used to understand the City's energy consumption and to calculate the resultant greenhouse gas emissions, and will act as a baseline to develop targets for our Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (Plan). In subsequent years, annual reports will be due by July 1 of each year, for the calendar year two years previous (i.e. 2012 data reported in 2014, 2013 data reported in 2015 etc.). All reports will be made available on the City's website and at City Hall.

Part two of the regulation consists of finalizing the Plan, and posting it to the City's website and providing copies at City Hall by July 1, 2014. The Plan will include updated energy consumption data along with the City's objectives for consumption reductions and the steps the City will take to achieve these goals over a 5 year period. Depending on our vision, future plans to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions could range anywhere from behavioural changes, to updating to more energy efficient plants all the way to switching to renewable energy sources.

The final Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan will be posted to the City's website available for the public to view. If you have any questions about our current progress or are interested in further information about the City's obligations under the GEA, feel free to contact Darlene Suddard, Environmental Compliance Supervisor darlenesuddard@portcolborne.ca or 905-835-5079.

Environmental Advisory Committee Rebate Programs

LOW FLOW TOILET REBATE: Port Colborne is currently offering rebates to residents of single family homes who purchase and install a Port Colborne approved water efficient toilet in their home. There is a limit of one toilet rebate per residence and the approved toilet must have been purchased after January 1, 2009.

TREE PLANTING REBATE: Visit our website to see how residents can receive up to a \$50 rebate under the Tree Planting Rebate Program.

There are a limited number of rebates available each year. Rebates will be issued on a first come, first served basis. More information can be found on the City website.

BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM: The EAC has partnered with Raw Materials Co. Inc. to implement a battery recycling program in Port Colborne. Both single-use and rechargeable batteries can be dropped off free of charge at a series of sites across the City: City Hall, Roselawn Centre, and Port Colborne Public Works. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the program and divert batteries from local landfills. More information can be found on the City Website.

Port Colborne Link Changes

Effective: June 10, 2013

Timing changes to the bus connecting Welland and Port Colborne. The changes will improve connections to and from Welland Transit, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

New schedule:

PC City Hall (Depart)	Ontario & Canal Bank	Niagara College	Sweeney Mall	Welland Terminal	Ontario & Niagara St.	PC City Hall (Arrive)
7:15 a.m.	7:31 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	7:47 a.m.	7:51 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:20 a.m.
8:20 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	8:52 a.m.	8:59 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
12:05 p.m.	12:21 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:37 p.m.	12:44 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
1:15 p.m.	1:31 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	1:47 p.m.	1:54 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
3:10 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	3:35 p.m.	3:42 p.m.	3:49 p.m.	3:55 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
6:20 p.m.	6:36 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	6:52 p.m.	6:59 p.m.	7:05 p.m.	7:25 p.m.

For more information, please visit: www.niagararegion.ca/transit

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Farmers' Market

Friday morning from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the Market Square across from City Hall.

905-835-2900
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Port Colborne Public Library

310 King Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4H1 | www.portcolborne.ca
Phone: 905-834-6512 | Fax: 905-835-5775 | Email: library@portcolborne.ca

Hours of Service: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Summer Saturdays are back! 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., June 1 to September 30.

Art in the Library...Featuring Work by Local Artists and Artisans: On display in the library: "Roussion's Sketches" - digital prints by Derek Richards.

Introducing Freestyle Music

Free and legal music downloads for Port Colborne Library users - available 24/7

Starting July 1, Port Colborne Library patrons can download free music - 3 songs per week per registered member - through Freestyle Music. Freestyle is an online music service providing access to millions of songs from tens-of-thousands of artists in over 160 musical genres plus new releases from labels including Sony Music. Once downloaded, the music never expires or times-out. Songs are in MP3 format and can be transferred to any portable electronic device (including iPod, iPhone, and any other MP3 players) or burned to audio CDs to play in conventional car CD players and home stereo systems. No special software is needed to use this service. All you need is a valid Port Colborne Library card and PIN. Stop by the library or give us a call at 905-834-6512 for more information. This summer will rock with free music from your library!

Mango Languages for Adults and Kids!

Hi! Amigos! Mango Languages is available online - free of charge - to Port Colborne Library patrons. Mango Languages is an online language resource with 49 basic courses that introduces users to foreign languages and assists ESL learners. It requires no training, downloads or installations. Also available is Little PIM for children up to age 5, with unlimited access to 10 language experiences just for kids. Mango Languages and Little PIM are accessible anywhere you are - at home, in the library, at an internet café - wherever! All you need is your library card number to get started. Visit us online at www.portcolborne.ca or go to started. Adds a bonus source!

PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS

One-on-One Computer Lessons

Starts Monday mornings at the Library. Lessons geared toward your interest. Topics available include: email, Facebook, Twitter, Blogging, creating simple websites, and more! Cost is \$10.00 per person per one-hour lesson. Pre-registration required. Book your appointment today!

Thrifty Living Social Club & Coupon Swap

Meets the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. starting May 27, 2013. Coupon swaps, thrifty living tips, guest speakers on healthy living and general interest topics. Free for adults of all ages. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Lisa at 905-834-6564 or stop by online at http://helpingmoneysave.com/

E-book & Audiobook Library Downloads Seminars

Join us for free a demonstration of how to select, check out, and download ebooks & audiobooks from the Library site to your home computer, and transfer them to a portable device. Call us at 905-834-6512 to sign up for the next available spot in these ongoing seminars.

SUMMER PROGRAMING FOR KIDS

GO! Explore & See this summer at the library by signing up for a 2013 Summer Reading Club 2013 Registration begins Monday, June 24 at this year's summer reading club! FREE for all children ages 5-13 with a valid Port Colborne Library Card. Sign up, read books, win prizes! Sponsored by TD Bank, Avondale, Harvey's, McDonalds, 7-Eleven, Tim Hortons.

St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course

Friday, June 28 @ 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
For ages 10-14. Cost is \$30.00.
Pre-register & pre-pay at the library.
Registration deadline is Monday June 24. Proof of birth date required upon registration.

Story Time with Derek Miller

Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 2 - August 29, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
FREE. For children to age 6. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Library 9+ M-G-M-G

Come on out for a chance to shout BINGO and win fun prizes!
Tuesdays, July 2, 16, 30 & August 27
Thursdays, July 11, 25 & August 8, 22
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
FREE. For readers of all ages. Non-readers must be accompanied by a reading adult.

Library Will on the Big Screen is Back!

Drop in on Friday afternoons for some fun in the auditorium! Each week will feature a different game selection or theme.
Fridays, July 5, 12, 19, 26 & August 9, 23, 30 @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
FREE. For children and teens of all ages (Children age 5 & younger must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver)

Paws for Stories

Set a time to read a 10-minute story to a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog.
Wednesdays, July 10, 24 & August 7, 21 @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
For readers up to age 13. Free. Pre-register at the Library.

Explorer Tot With Sacey

Reading club-themed stories, crafts and games specially chosen for small children.
Wednesdays, July 3, 17, 31 & Aug. 14, 28 @ 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
For ages 2 - 4 with a parent/caregiver. Cost is \$1.00 per class. Pre-register at the Library.

Explore Neat With Sacey

Go around the world to explore this summer! Go around the world with themed stories and crafts each class. Wednesdays, July 17, 31 & Aug. 7, 28 @ 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. For ages 5-8. Cost is \$2.00 per class. Pre-register at the Library.

Explore Fari With Sacey

Imaginative crafts for kids.
Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
July 9 - Design & paint a welcome sign in the language of your choice.
July 23 - Welcome travelling creatures to your garden this summer with a painted fairy house.
August 6 - Go into your imagination and create a one-of-a-kind fabric mosaic wall art.
August 20 - Paint a bottle box and fill it with some deliciously sweet candy sushi!
For ages 8 - 12. Cost is \$4.00 per class. Pre-register at the Library.

Crafts with Jen: Survival Bracelets

Create your own paracord survival bracelet. In an emergency, you can unravel the bracelet to deploy the paracord to help get you out of a jam!
Monday, July 8 @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19 @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
For ages 8 - 12. Cost is \$3.00 per class. Pre-register at the Library.

Crafts with Jen: Beach Memory Board

Tell everyone what you are doing to be doing this summer!
Thursday, July 18 @ 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Friday, August 16 @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
For ages 8 & older. Cost is \$4.00 per class. Pre-register at the Library.

Crafts with Margaret: Travel Mug

Personalize your own travel mug to use on-the-go this summer with 4 interchangeable designs!
Wednesday, July 10 @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 7 @ 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
For ages 8 & older. Cost is \$4.00 per class. Pre-register at the Library.



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Niagara Waste Management Presents: The 3 Arr's

The pirate-themed 3 Arr's aims to educate children on the importance of recycling. As treasure is important to pirates, recycling is important to the environment and the children will learn that the materials we "capture" through recycling are just too valuable to just throw away!

Monday, July 15 @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

For ages 5 - 8. FREE. Pre-register at the Library.

Niagara Waste Management Presents: Closing the Loop

Did you know that plastic water bottles can be recycled and made into fleece sweaters? Closing the Loop focuses on materials that are recyclable and the second life as a new product these materials will receive when collected through our recycling programs.
Wednesday, July 24 @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
For ages 8 - 12. FREE. Pre-register at the Library.

Album-Making with Amanda & Kelly

Bring in a series of 24 photographs and complete a beautiful Creative Memories scrapbook album to remember your favourite events. Learn all about how to store and display your pictures for you and your friends to enjoy for many years to come. All materials provided. August 12 - 16 @ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
For children ages 8 & older. Cost is \$65 for the full week. Pre-register at the Library & choose your album colours by July 31st.

Signing with Lisa Green

Have fun learning sign language basics through singing and games. Mondays, July 22 & August 26 @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
For ages 2 - 8. FREE with a free donation for Port Caras Acares Out Centre. Pre-register at the library.

2013-14 SWIM TEAM

Registration Open Until June 21st • 2013 Season Begins July 2nd

Do you like to swim? Do you like to compete? Could you improve your times?
Have fun this summer and join the Niagara Summer Swim League.
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Port Colborne's Drinking Water

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT: The City is required to prepare the Port Colborne Distribution System Annual Drinking Water Quality Report by February 28 each year. The 2012 report is available on the City's website: http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/water_quality_reports. Copies of the report are also available, free of charge, at the Public Works office at 11 King Street, or at the Engineering and Operations Department located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street.

The City receives all of its drinking water from the Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant, operated by the Regional Municipality of Niagara, and the Region is also required to prepare a report by February 28. The City is required to provide copies of the Region's report, free of charge to those who request it, and it is also available at the Public Works office or at the Engineering and Operations Department, or it can be accessed on the Region's website: <http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/water/Water-Quality-Reports.aspx>.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: The City's Drinking Water Quality Management System (QMS) has been in place for four years, and in March 2013, an auditor from QMI-SAI Global visited the City to perform an on-site audit of the City's QMS against the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Management Standard. The auditor reported that the QMS was effectively implemented and recommended the City for accreditation. It is anticipated that the accreditation certificate will be received in June 2013, and will be posted to the City's website upon receipt.

SHOWCASING WATER INNOVATION FUNDING PROJECT: In December 2011, the City discovered that it was of thirty-two recipients to receive Showcasing Water Innovation Funding from the Province of Ontario. This funding program was created under the Water Opportunities Act to fund leading edge, innovative and cost-effective solutions for managing drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems in Ontario communities. The project the City received \$224,000 in funding for the "Integration of Water Loss Analysis Tools into a Water SCADA System" project. This project uses the Regional Municipality of Niagara's SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) software to receive and process signals from five permanent and three portable flow and pressure monitoring stations throughout the City.

The goal of this project is to provide real-time online system software tools to help City Staff monitor flow and pressure in the drinking water distribution system. This information will enable Staff to respond quickly to flow changes, pressure changes and leaks, thus reducing the amount of water lost from the distribution system. Additionally, by creating software tools to analyze the SCADA flow and pressure monitoring data, and the metered water consumption data, this analysis will enable the City to better track and detect unauthorized, unbilled water usage throughout the City. Two testing phases have already been completed, with leak detection activities undertaken in half of the drinking water system; the remaining testing phases are scheduled for the fall and early winter of 2013.

House Fires Caused by Storage of 9 Volt and AA Batteries

Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services would like to warn its residents, as reported by the Fire Marshal's Office, that a fire at a home is being blamed on a battery, paper clips, post-it notes and other items stashed in a junk drawer.

Who would have thought; you were just trying to clean up your kitchen before your guests arrived. The fire started after the prongs on the battery, a 9-volt, came in contact with a metal item and some paper. The metal item conducted the battery current and the paper worked as fuel.

What should you do to prevent this from happening in your home? Take a piece of electrical tape and put it over the battery prongs - all batteries, not just your 9 volts can be a conductor.

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BBQ Safety

Every year in Ontario, people are injured needlessly while lighting their barbecues. The correct way to light your propane barbecue is to open the lid and strike your match or barbecue lighter before turning on the gas. When you are finished barbecuing, turn off the propane cylinder valve and then the barbecue burners. Always use and store your barbecue and propane cylinder outdoors. For information about cleaning and maintaining your barbecue, read the manufacturer's instructions, or call Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services - 905-834-4512.

For more information on barbecue safety please visit the www.tssa.org (Technical Standards and Safety Authority).

Cottage Fire Safety Tips

To minimize the risk of fire and burn injury, Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Fire Service recommends the following cottage fire safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every story and outside all sleeping areas. It's the law for all Ontario homes, cottages, cabins and seasonal homes to have working smoke alarms on every story and outside all sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly or each time you return to the cottage. Pack a new smoke alarm and extra smoke alarm batteries in case they need replacement.
- Install and ensure carbon monoxide alarms in your cottage if it has a fuel-burning appliance.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan to ensure everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Know the telephone number for the local fire department and your cottage's emergency sign number, in case of emergency.
- Clean barbecues before using them. Keep an eye on all barbecues and ensure all combustibles, as well as children and pets are kept well away from them. Fires can happen when barbecues are left unattended.
- Keep barbecue lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children.
- Remember to bring a flashlight with extra batteries.
- Check heating appliances and chimneys before using them.
- Check with your local fire department, municipality, or Ministry of Natural Resources to determine whether open air burning is permitted before having a campfire or burning brush. If open burning is allowed, fires should be built on bare soil or on exposed rock. Remove leaves and twigs from around the fire to keep it from spreading. Always keep a bucket of water, sand, or even a shovel close by and supervise the fire at all times.



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However, there are compounds in grapefruit called furanocoumarins that can interfere with the way your body metabolizes certain medications. This can lead to dangerously high levels of medication in the body and may increase the risk of rare but serious or life-threatening side effects such as slowed heart rate and muscle deterioration. For a few medications, it can lead to decreased effectiveness because these medications need to be metabolized in order to become active. Don't take these interactions lightly, as some can cause potentially dangerous health problems.

Both grapefruit juice (either fresh or frozen) and the fruit itself can affect certain medications and the effects have been seen with as little as one 8-ounce (240 mL) glass of grapefruit juice. The effects of grapefruit juice on medications can last up to 3 days, so taking them at different times of day will not help. Naturally sweet orange juice has not been shown to affect medications the way grapefruit juice does, but tangies (which are related to grapefruit), lime juice, and Seville(sour) oranges may affect medications.

Many medications may be affected by grapefruit juice, including medications for:

Allergies	Fexofenadine (Allegra)
Anticoagulation	Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
Anxiety/Sleep	Bupropion (BuSpar), Diazepam (Valium), Triazolam (Halcion), Alprazolam (Xanax), Clonazepam (Rivotril)
Arrhythmia	Amlodipine (Cordarone)
Blood Pressure	Amlodipine (Norvasc), Felodipine (Renedil, Plendil), Nifedipine (Adalat)
Cholesterol	Simvastatin (Zocor), lovastatin (Mevacor), atorvastatin (Lipitor)
Depression	Sertraline (Zoloft)
HIV	Saquinavir (Invirase, Fortovase), indinavir (Crixivan)
Seizures/Epilepsy	Carbamazepine (Tegretol, Mазепine), Clonazepam (Rivotril)
Sexual Dysfunction	Sildenafil (Viagra), Tadalafil (Cialis)
Transplants/Autoimmune Diseases	Cyclosporine (Neoral, Sandimmune), tacrolimus (Prograf, Advagraf), sirolimus (Rapamune)

This is not a complete list; grapefruit juice may affect medications for conditions other than those listed here. Also, if you are taking any natural health products, check the labels to see if they contain grapefruit, tangelo, Seville orange, or lime juice. Avoid these fruits and juices until your doctor or pharmacist has told you it's safe to have them.

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■ FUNAMBULIST

Wallenda owes fame to Falls

MATT DAY
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NIAGARA FALLS — Nik Wallenda pauses when asked if he'd be where he is today, two weeks from walking across the Grand Canyon on a wire, if it wasn't for Niagara Falls.

"I don't think so, no," says the tightrope walker most known for walking across the falls on a two-inch wide rope one year ago Saturday. ("That walk) raised public awareness for me. Every aspect of it: my family's history, turmoil and the political aspect of that walk. It was all a huge help."

You can't associate Wallenda now without the image of him and that red-jacket dwarfed by the backdrop of the thundering falls.

But the seventh-generation aerialist says the Wallenda name wasn't necessarily made famous by his Niagara Falls stunt.

"The family name has been there for a long time. I don't know Niagara Falls put me on the map, but that walk has done everything for my career," he says during a phone interview with The Review in between training for the Grand Canyon walk and grabbing a bite to eat.

The 34-year-old's major followup happens June 23.

This time he's doing it without a harness. And there's no safety net. After completing the walk he says he'll reveal his next destination.

"I have a lot of spots in mind, and I've got something on the go."

Once the walk is over, he says he's looking forward to doing what he did for a while after completing the falls walk — spending time with his wife and three children.

"It has been so demanding. I want to try and be a family man again, become a father again."

He says he tries to not let his newfound celebrity status get to him.

"I want to be the Nik Wallenda I was before I was anything."

He insists he hasn't forgotten about Niagara Falls and has business plans on the Canadian side for the future. He'd like to eventually open a facility in the city that offers the "Nik Wallenda experiences," he says, complete with high wires, low wires, a simulator of what it's like to walk on a wire across the falls and zip lines. "I would have loved to do that this summer," he says. "I honestly can't imagine not being there for a semi-permanent production, at least during the season. I feel in my heart it's going to happen."

Wallenda's Grand Canyon walk is scheduled to air June 23 live on the Discovery Channel beginning at 8 p.m.



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■ DANIEL DOBRUCKI



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Daniel Dobrucki donated \$20,000 to St. Ann Catholic Elementary School because his mother was dedicated to St. Ann Catholic Church.

Technology gives people more resources

VICTORIA GRAY
Tribune Staff

FENWICK — Daniel Dobrucki donated \$20,000 to St. Ann Catholic Elementary School in Fenwick for technology Friday in honour of his mother Adele's dedication to St. Ann Roman Catholic Church. She passed away after a stroke in 2010.

He wanted to do something for the church his mother attended for more than 60 years.

The 61-year-old chicken farmer was born in Welland and spent his life in Wellandport. He went to a two room elementary school in downtown Wellandport and eventually made his way to the University of Guelph and received a bachelor of science and agriculture in 1974.

He also wrote a book about his father, Walerian's experiences during the Second World War, "Survivors of War." The Tribune sat down with Dobrucki to find out more about the little-known philanthropist and historian.

Q: Why are you donating this money?

A: My mother always regretted not getting more of an education. She got pulled out of school when she was in Grade 6 because her parents needed help on the farm and she was oldest. She always meant to go back.

Q: What Does St. Ann mean to you?

A: My mother went to the church the school is affiliated with and she went to that church every Sunday for as long as I can remember. My family is very religious, but I'm not.

Q: Why did you earmark the donation to St. Ann for technology?

A: That's what they said they wanted. My grandnephew, Joseph Dobrucki goes to the school and he said they didn't have much.

Q: What's your favourite colour and why?

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TECHNOLOGY

He couldn't live without his PVR

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Book Fair.

A: Black and gold, like the Boston Bruins. Black and gold is also the colour of the Wellandport Warlords, but I still look better in Montreal Canadiens red.

Q: What book are you reading right now?

A: Gordon Anderson's *Beyond the Great Water*. It's a fiction novel about the War of 1812. I got it at the Welland

Q: What's your favourite movie?

A: The Star Wars Trilogy. The original, obviously.

Q: What is one piece of technology you couldn't live without?

A: Technology! I guess maybe my PVR.

Q: What do you think technology adds to an education?

A: Well, it gives people more resources to find things out.

Q: If you could go anywhere in the world and do anything what would it be?

A: Mars. I'd build and green house and grow veggies.

Q: Why?

A: I'm a farmer at heart. It's what I do.

Q: Who is your role model

and why?

A: My dad because he always wants to help people.

Q: What is your biggest regret in life?

A: Not finding anybody to love.

Q: What's one thing you want to do before you die?

A: Nothing. I wanted to write the book about my fathers journey during the Second World War and I've

done it.

Q: What's your favourite memory from elementary school?

A: Playing baseball with the other kids. No rules, just Wellandport rules - just fun.

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: Pizza.

Q: What is your first memory of using technology?

A: Pong games in university. I was fascinated.

Q: If you were an animal what would you be and why?

A: A killer whale because I could bother people in boats and it would be neat. A lot neater than being a shark.

Q: What do you think the most important aspect of education is?

A: Finding something to do that you are actually good at.



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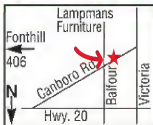
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Whether you have a medical issue, are pregnant, overweight, overactive or just getting older, an overactive bladder—otherwise referred to as incontinence—is a problem no matter how you roll the dice. The fact remains, if you are one of the millions suffering from this frustrating condition, you are not alone. In fact, some estimates indicate that as many as 3.3 million Canadians—approximately 10% of the population—are experiencing some form of incontinence. However recent studies indicate that these numbers are much higher—particularly in older individuals. Our medical community doesn't seem to have any real answers when it comes to this issue either! This may be one of the main reasons the prestigious World Health Organization calls incontinence "one of the last medical taboos". One of the main reasons both sexes experience urinary problems is due to a weakening of the pelvic floor muscles and/or a weakening of the bladder sphincter (the muscle that controls urine flow). This is believed to be caused by hormonal changes, primarily the loss of testosterone, which is needed to keep these muscles from shrinking or growing weak. Even though weak bladder control affects both genders, more women tend to suffer from it than men.

Pumpkin Seed Extract – Natures Answer to Healthy Bladder Control

Pumpkin seeds have a long history of use in helping to alleviate various bladder conditions. Even though many people have noticed some bladder-related relief by using pumpkin seed oil, according to new research, it is the water-soluble portion of pumpkin seed that is much more effective.

Research shows that water-soluble pumpkin seed extract is able to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles of the bladder by:

- Allowing more testosterone to become available to the pelvic muscles
- Binding to the pelvic-floor androgen receptors, further strengthening the pelvic muscles
- Helping to allow the bladder to relax (by increasing nitric oxide)

Why Ultimate Bladder Control?

Ultimate Bladder Control contains a 100% natural form of a patented water-soluble pumpkin seed. This one-of-a-kind ingredient was researched by Japanese scientists and found to be far superior to the conventional oil-soluble pumpkin seed available in the majority of products. Aside from its superior absorption ability, the water-soluble pumpkin seed used in Ultimate Bladder Control has been shown to be highly effective in alleviating the majority of urinary discomforts experienced by both genders and all ages.

Did you know...

50 percent of the adult population (over age 60) experiences a frequency in nighttime urination leading to disturbed sleep patterns

48% of women and 17% in men over the age of 70 suffer urinary incontinence

1 in 5 Canadian women and 1 in 7 men over the age of 35 suffer from overactive bladder problems



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